

**THE CALEXICO SPECIAL FINANCING AUTHORITY MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON THE 15TH DAY OF JUNE 2010 AT THE 101 W. HACIENDA DR., SUITE 9, CALEXICO, CA. THE DATE, HOUR, AND PLACE DULY ESTABLISHED FOR THE HOLDING OF SAID MEETING.**

**CALL TO ORDER.**

Chairman Romero called the meeting to order at 12:14 p.m. and led those present in the pledge of allegiance.

**ATTENDANCE.**

Chairman:	Daniel F. Romero
Vice-Chairperson:	Sylvia Bernal
Board Member:	Rosie Fernandez
Board Member:	Luis J. Castro

**GUESTS**

Frank Oswalt, JPA Counsel  
Gabriela Garcia, Deputy Clerk  
Gloria Grijalva, HMHD  
Rudy Moreno, Treasurer  
Peter Mercado, Fire Chief  
Kevin Smith  
Guillermo Hermosillo, Councilman

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA.**

Motion was made by Board Member Fernandez and seconded by Board Member Castro and passed unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** No Public Comments

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion made by Vice-Chairperson Bernal seconded by Board Member Fernandez and passed unanimously to approve consent agenda consisting of the following: Minutes for June 1, 2010, Invoices for legal counsel – Frank Oswalt for May 2010.

**FUNDING OF FIRE ENGINE FOR CALEXICO FIRE DEPARTMENT.**

Chief Mercado brought request for assistance from the JPA towards the purchase of new fire engine at a cost of \$ 407,000. The engine includes all the modifications for medical compartments equal to the ambulance without the gurney. The areas for medication are cooled to maintain the life of the medication. This engine is a short wheel base which is best for maneuverability.

Vice-Chairman Bernal asked about estimates from vendors or bids on the purchase of the vehicle. Chief Mercado explained the city's policy has allowed for purchases such as the engine to be tagged along with other larger city or county which have bid out for a better price. This engine would be purchased with a bid for the County of Riverside who has just negotiated for the purchase of 65 units.

Frank Oswalt, legal counsel expressed the need for a legal opinion from the Heffernan Memorial Hospital District on the mission of the district and the use of funds.

Vice-Chairperson Bernal questioned why instead of an engine why not purchase another ambulance. Chairman Romero asked about staffing for the ambulance.

Chief Mercado stated it takes \$ 13,500 a month for a shift of three (3) persons for an approximate total \$ 41,000 per month.

After discussion regarding the revenues and expenses incurred by the Fire Department for the operation of the ambulance service, motion was made by Board Member Castro, seconded by Board Member Fernandez to table the item until the City budget has been balanced and a legal opinion is obtained from HMHD. Motion passed by the following vote to wit:

AYES:	Bernal, Castro, Fernandez
NOES:	Romero
ABSENT:	None

#### **DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON FUNDING OF OXYGEN MEDICAL COMPRESSOR MACHINE.**

Chief Mercado stated the need for an oxygen medical compressor machine especially after the recent earthquake. During the earthquake, the lack of oxygen required was an issue which could be resolved if the City had a machine to generate its own oxygen for the department and for the community.

Motion was made by Board Member Fernandez to approve the purchase of an oxygen medical compressor machine.

Frank Oswalt, Legal Counsel stated that once again the JPA is not purchasing the item, the Heffernan Memorial Hospital District would make the purchase and there is a need for a legal opinion on the purchase.

Item was tabled until an opinion is obtained from the Heffernan Memorial Hospital Board.

**JPA BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

Vice-Chairman Bernal advised the board the Heffernan Memorial Hospital District has selected Pioneers Memorial Hospital and is moving forward with their project for a 24-hour urgent care with a physician on board.

Board Member Fernandez stated the project would provide additional procedures. She further stated she had abstained from voting on the project since she is an employee of El Centro Regional Medical Center.

**CLOSED SESSION** - No closed session held.

**ADJOURNMENT.**

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

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Daniel Romero, Chairman

Attest:

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Gabriela T. Garcia, Deputy Clerk